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In re application of :

PAUL L. KORNBLITH :

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**METHOD FOR CULTURING
AND ASSAYING CELLS**

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated March 21, 2001, Applicant submits the following amendments, remarks and the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel pending claims 25 and 27-36.

Please insert new claims 37-39 as follows.

--37. A method for preparing a biopsy sample of tissue containing hyperproliferative cells for chemosensitivity testing, comprising:

- a) obtaining a tumor specimen;
- b) mechanically separating said specimen into cohesive multicellular

particulates having a size of about 0.25-1.5 mm³;